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U-66354

MEMORANDUM

SNO-BEU #2
3/047/048

TO: State Director, Utah U-921
FROM: District Manager, Vernal
SUBJECT: Request for Court Action in Surface Management Case U-66354

FEB 10 1993

In accordance with procedures under BLM Manual 3809 I request that court action be taken to require Mr. Joseph LaStella, operator of record in Surface Management Case U-66354, to either 1) reclaim the disturbed area to Bureau standards, within a reasonable period, or 2) pay the costs for the BLM to let and administer a contract to reclaim the abandoned disturbance along with the labor costs to develop the reclamation estimate. Mr. LaStella has failed to comply with my 08/06/90 and 12/05/90 notices of noncompliance requiring reclamation of his project area, including exploration pits dug outside his project area. Both these certified notices were returned as unclaimed. The Vernal District's Division of Operations completed a detailed cost estimate to reclaim the disturbed area, under contract, along an accounting of Operations personnel time in preparing the estimate. The cost estimate to reclaim is based upon current dollars and as such is subject to inflation. The Book Cliffs Resource Area Geologist's time assisting Operations in the development of the reclamation estimate is also attached. The three costs, made part of the case file, are summarized below.

Estimate (in current dollars) to reclaim the project area under contract.....	\$13,015.32
Personnel time (Pete Isaacs, Division of Operations, Vernal District) to develop cost estimate.....	\$1,248.80
Personnel time (Richard Wilson, Book Cliffs Resource Area) assisting Operations with information essential to develop the reclamation cost estimate.....	\$109.76

Questions concerning the case file should be directed to Richard Wilson and questions regarding the reclamation estimate should be directed to Pete Isaacs, both of this office.

Attachments

Surface Management Case File U-66354 with BCRA cover Memo.

PSokolosky:January 21, 1993

|s| DAVID E. LITTLE

bcc: Case file U-66354
Utah State Office, U-921, Terry McParland
Central file
Reading file
Lowell Braxton, Div. Oil Gas & Mining (file # S/047/048)
Area Manager, BCRA

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